

**Amendments to the Drawings**

The attached drawing sheets include changes to Figures 1, 2, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7A, and 7B. The figures have been modified merely to better show the details therein. No new matter has been added.

**REMARKS**

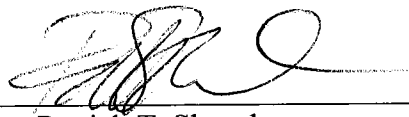
All pending claims, namely, claims 1, 5, 7, 9, 12, and 13, have been allowed as reflected in the Notice of Allowance mailed February 22, 2007 and accompanying Examiner's Amendment. By this Amendment, Applicants are submitting replacement Drawings for Figures 1, 2, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7A, and 7B, the replacements simply being submitted because they show better detail than the corresponding figures currently on file. Applicants have included a Listing of Claims, which merely contains the claims as set forth in the Examiner's Amendment that accompanied the Notice of Allowance. The claims have not been amended herein.

With respect to the Examiner's Amendment and Reasons for Allowance, Applicants offer the following comment. Stimulating the ion channel/receptor system (as recited in step (c) of claim 1) may be caused by the contact of the substance with the cell alone, without additional measures. Such a stimulation would be encompassed at least within the "chemical stimulation" recited in claim 9. The present Amendment does not introduce any new matter and thus, its entry is respectfully requested. The Issue Fee is being paid concurrently with the filing of this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Replacement Drawings Sheets